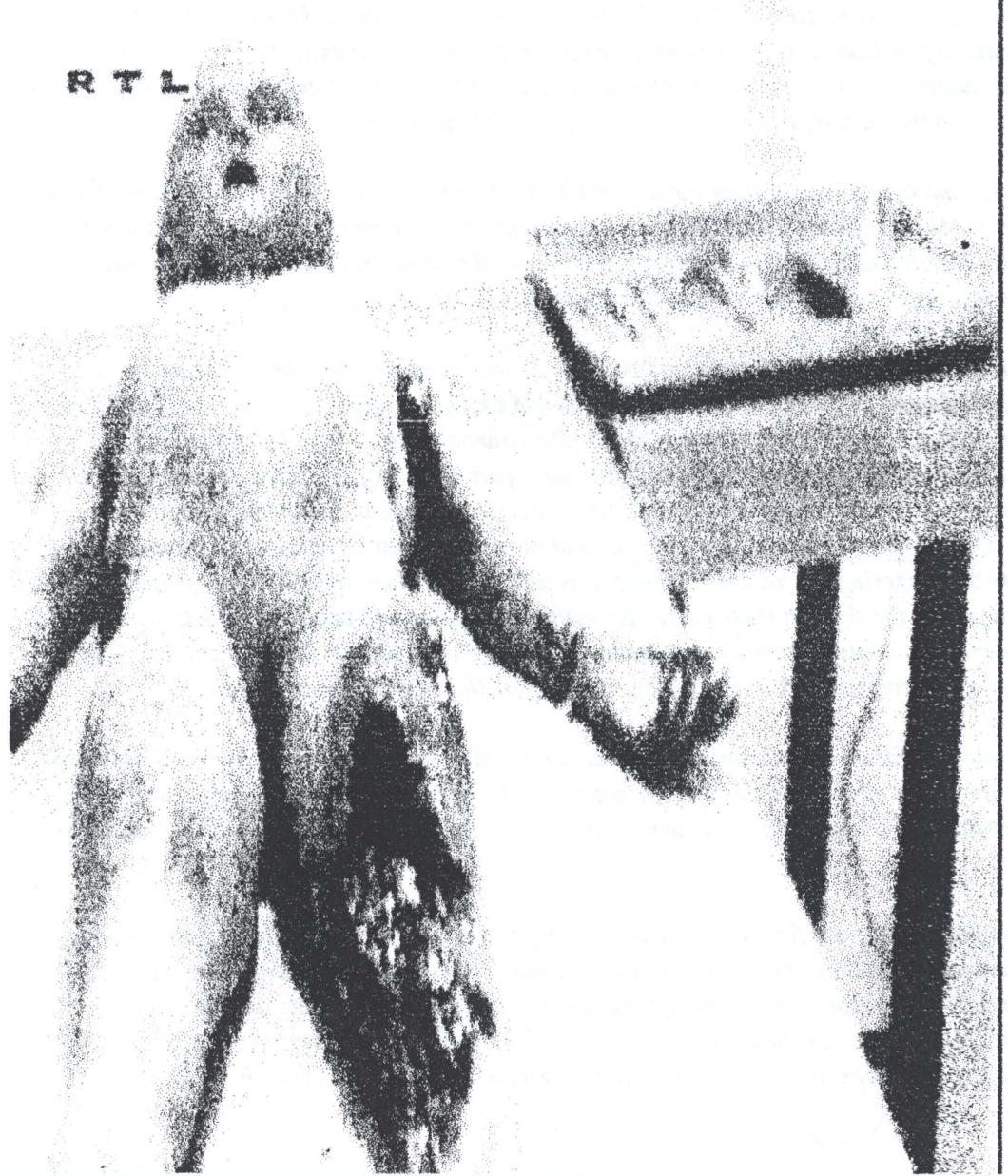


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EDITORIAL.

Sorry folks for the delay in this issue, but I have so much to talk about that I have had problems deciding what to and what not to include in this edition. The press certainly has been busy over the past few weeks, with the Daily Mail serialising the new book by Nick Pope that is to be published this month (May 96). Nick Pope is due to appear at Dillons book shop in Southampton on the 10th June and I understand that he will be doing a short presentation with slides, and there will be a signing of his books following this. Sorry if you missed this, but I only recently found out about it and I managed to notify those present at the last group meeting in May. I have a member who is hoping to attend the evening and will be doing a report on the event for the next newsletter. As I say, the Mail took excerpts from the book and ran a 4 day article covering at least 2 pages each day (See press reviews). This month also sees a review of those magazines that I was unable to mention in the last newsletter. I have been inundated with magazines, so that is why there are 16 reviewed in this newsletter.

This past month also saw a large number of television programs and Sky 1 showed what for me has been the best program so far this year. We also saw a 2 part episode of the X-Files in which Mulder chases an alleged alien on a train. But not is all that seems and there is a dramatic ending with the inevitable of no one knows anything. (See Tv reviews).

This month also saw a UFO sighting over Hythe, Southampton where local residents saw a bright light appear in the sky at around 21.30hrs and was lost to sight at around 22.30hrs. One person managed to capture the object on video. The strange thing is, that the object was seen on three consecutive nights, at the same time, the same part of the sky, the same duration, moving in the same direction and disappearing in the same direction. I hope to have a look at the video footage, but the person who took the footage, is of the opinion that it is possibly a planet or a star. I hope to be contacting the local astronomical society to see if there was any reported object in the Western part of the skies on these particular nights in question and to confirm the location of the major planets i.e. Venus, Mars etc. From the evidence so far, I believe that the witness were observing an astronomical object (Possibly Venus), but this is yet to be confirmed.

Next month will see a new name in the newsletter, Mr Ernie Sears who I hope will be taking some of the strain off me in producing the newsletter by reviewing the magazines that I receive each month. This is hoped to be a regular feature by Mr Sears and I look forward to reading his reviews.

This month has seen the Southampton UFO Group making contact with groups far and wide and new newsletters. This month I have made contact with a Sheffield group, and I have written to 3 other groups, in Denmark, Poland and Hungary. I also intend to contact another group in Italy when I get the time. These groups all publish journals, but with English translations. So I hope to bring any along that I receive to the next meeting of the Group in July.

From the recent Group meeting, many of the members expressed interest in organising a group sky watch. So, at the rear of the newsletter is a questionnaire and if you are interested or could offer any help regarding transport etc, then please complete the form and return it to the editorial address. I would like to try and make it a good and interesting evening, but there is no guarantee that we will be abducted or even see anything other than satellites, (planes... The editor has his usual crossed fingers. What I meant to say was planes !!!), planets or two. But, you never know, so come along and join in the experience.

WHAT THE PRESS HAD TO SAY IN JANUARY 1995.

REGIONAL ARTICLES.

- 0.1.95 : *North western Evening Mail* : The phenomena that cannot be ignored.
- 0.1.95 : *Western Mail* : Eyes up for ETs over Wales.
- 1.1.95 : *Wales on Sunday* : War of words in UFO circles.
- 6.1.95 : *Chester Chronicle* : Abduction By Aliens 'True'.
- 6.1.95 : *Clacton Gazette* : 'We saw a UFO over the house'.
- 6.1.95 : *Kingsbridge Gazette* : UFO spotted at Malborough.
- 6.1.95 : *Clacton Gazette* : Skywatch planned after UFO sightings.
- 10.1.95 : *Glasgow daily Record* : Is anybody out there ?
- 11.1.95 : *dale Trader* : Mystery sighting in Ashbourne skies.
- 12.1.95 : *Coastal Express* : UFO sighted.
- 12.1.95 : *Yorkshire Evening Press* : UFO hides in cloud over York.
- 12.1.95 : *Annandale Herald* : Finding Clues About UFOs.
- 12.1.95 : *The Visitor* : there's space for UFO fans.
- 13.1.95 : *Essex Chronicle* : UFO 'sighted' over Ulting.
- 13.1.95 : *Yorkshire Evening Press* : York UFO sighting dispelled.
- 13.1.95 : *Sodbury & Yate Gazette* : More strange encounters...
- 14.1.95 : *Yorkshire Evening Press* : Mystery of UFOs hits new heights.
- 17.1.95 : *Yorkshire Evening Press* : farm worker spots UFO.
- 17.1.95 : *East Anglian Daily Times* : UFO information wanted for book.
- 19.1.95 : *Herne Bay Gazette* : Strange sighting in sky.
- 20.1.95 : *The Staines Informer* : Please throw light on the mystery of the glowing object in the sky.
- 20.1.95 : *Halstead Gazette* : Touring aliens blamed for mystery sightings in sky.
- 20.1.95 : *Oldham Evening Chronicle* : Haunting the highways and byways.
- 27.1.95 : *Manchester Evening News* : Ringway jet in UFO terror.

NATIONAL ARTICLES.

6.1.95 : *The Independent* : There are more things in heaven....
6.1.95 : *The Times* : A man in search of flying objects.
7.1.95 : *The Times* : Unholy behaviour in the Holy Land.
7.1.95 : *Daily Mail* : Network First (ITV).
8.1.95 : *The Observer* : No Title (Network First Tv program).
10.1.95 : *The Times* : Network First : UFO.
10.1.95 : *The Independent* : No Title (Network First Tv program).
10.1.95 : *Daily Mirror* : Putting a spin on flying saucers.
10.1.95 : *Daily Express* : Tonight's View - Network First Tv Program.
11.1.95 : *Daily Express* : If we're not alone, why is it so quiet ?
11.1.95 : *The Times* : No Title. (Review of Network First program on UFOs).
15.1.95 : *The Sunday Telegraph* : No Title (Article by Ken Phillips).
21.1.95 : *Daily Express* : Calling planet Basingstoke.
24.1.95 : *Daily Express* : Flying visit puts odd spot on map.
26.1.95 : *Daily Express* : No Title (letter).
27.1.95 : *The Guardian* : Beam me to Blighty.
28.1.95 : *Daily Star* : UFO terror of hols jet pilots.
28.1.95 : *Today* : Another world's favourite airline trails BA jet.
28.1.95 : *Daily Express* : UFO buzzed our airliner say BA pilots.
28.1.95 : *The Sun* : BA jet pilots duck as UFO flashes past at 13,000ft.
29.1.95 : *The People* : I suppose a quick UFO is out of the question ?

NEWSPAPER UNKNOWN.

9.1.95 : Just pie in the sky ?

MAGAZINE ARTICLES.

0.1.95 : *The Oldie* : A shiver of Cold Fusion.
0.1.95 : *Sainsbury Magazine* : No Title (The UFO witness support group).
7.1.95 : Pie in the sky or extraterrestrial reality ?
30.1.95 : *Woman* : Could we have seen a UFO ?

LOCAL ARTICLES.

21.1.95 : *Andover advertiser* : Multiple sightings spark UFO mystery.

FOREIGN ARTICLE.

8.1.95 : *Sunday Sun, Toronto, Canada* : Cop death threat terror of UFO witness.

PRESS/TV/RADIO MATTERS OVER THE PAST MONTH 15.4.96 - 15.5.96.

PRESS.

21.4.96 : *The People : End of the world as we know it, Tim.*

This article concerned itself with Tim Good's new book Beyond Top Secret that was published on the 10th May 1996 by Sidgwick & Jackson. The article looks at UFO reports over the Baikonur Space Centre in Kazakhstan, UFO's over Japan, Turkey and the sighting by Cosmonaut G.M. Manakov.

22.4.96 : *Portsmouth News : UFO fans' close encounter.*

This was a look at the UFO conference in Portsmouth on the 20th April that was organised by SPI (Southern Paranormal Investigations Group). According to the article, there was about 300 people at the event (I would of put the figure between 200 - 250 myself .. Ed) . There are interviews with exhibitors (I didn't get a mention, but you can't with them all .. Ed) and mention of the speakers at the conference. It was a good review of a very good day enjoyed by all.

24.4.96 : *Daily Mail : UFOs are just a flight of fancy, says the MoD.*

When I read this I thought hold on there, rewind to the Daily Mail on the 30th March 1996 when an article entitled 'The MoD man and some close encounters', when a senior Ministry of Defence official has CONFIRMED the existence of UFOs'. Now in this article 'Defence chiefs have broken decades of silence with an unprecedented statement dismissing the possible existence of UFOs'. Who's fooling who here... Another act of disinformation especially when Nick Popes book is due out any time ! the article goes on 'Whitehall has finally decreed that flying saucers and visitors from distant worlds are simply a product of the imagination'. This statement came just a fortnight after the BBC2 program Secrets of the Paranormal presented by Jenny Randles. Did Jenny upset one or two people ? Was she getting near to the truth ? The statement appeared in the RAF News the service's official newspaper that responded by saying there was 'no evidence which might substantiate the existence of such phenomena'. The article went on.. 'It was said to have been ordered to print the article in bid to quell public interest. The statement - which described the majority of sightings as being 'very vague' - also denied the existence of an official UFO investigation unit'. What a statement I ask myself. Who was Nick Pope working for ? Who's been paying Nick Pope for the past 3 years to answer letters and enquiries at Secretariat (Air Staff) 2A when you write to him. Nick Pope in recent articles had stated that the department investigated UFO reports. Is Nick Pope just a puppet told to tell his story and quell the public interest ? I don't think so some how do you ?

29.4.96 : *Daily Mail : The huge light descended very slowly, just like a parachute - so bright I could hardly look at it.*

Like all papers the Mail has got on the band wagon with a series of articles that looks at The X-Files (UK). This double page article looks at UFO's, Ghosts and Eerie sea creatures. A very interesting article that is so like many articles appearing in the press at the moment.

30.4.96 : *Daily Mail* : *Blue flame engulfed me.*

The mail continues its series on the X-Files (UK) with ghosts and UFOs and in this article, the UFO sighting and encounter of Elsie Oakensen who's book gets a plug. Again, not much new for us seasoned Ufologists that we have not already read.

1.5.96 : *Daily Mail*.

The final part in the Mail's series on The X-Files (UK) covers the story of Rosalind Reynolds (Yet another BUFORA stalwart...ED) and her UFO encounter, abduction and examination. Nothing new yet again and I really don't know why the papers keep going over the same old cases as they are getting a bit knaff now.

2.5.96 : *Southampton Evening Echo* : *Sky's Alive.*

Huge meteorite shower over Scotland and Northern Ireland sparked hundreds of calls from worried onlookers reporting UFOs. Police and coastguards between Stornoway and Glasgow were inundated with calls when the spectacular light display started shortly after 10pm last night.

6.5.96 : *The Independent* : *Do We Need The X-Files.*

The article asks the above question and tells us that the program won the a BAFTA award. According to the article, The X-Files merges more than the mainstream and marginal. It collapses fact and fiction ; that's the tradition it comes from and adds to, despite creator Chris Carter's declaration that the programme is based on 'real-life claims'. The rest is up to you.

8.5.96 : *Daily Mail* : *Will we ever be told ?*

This is a letter special which contains four letters that tell of personal UFO reports/sightings. The first letter tells of a UFO sighting in Yorkshire when the witness was 10 years old, 2 letters related by ex-soldiers and their sightings, and a member of the Southampton UFO Group Mr Ernie Sears letter who relates his sighting and he says ' There's more evidence for their existence (UFO's - I am sure Ernie means UFOs and not the MoD .. ED) than would normally be needed to convict a murderer in a court of law'.

11.5.96 : *Daily Mail* : *Why I believe UFOs really exist.*

This is part 1 of a serialisation of Nick Popes new book due out in May 1996 and as he says in the article, 'Were I to name one day in the three years I spent as the Ministry of Defence's UFO expert that convinced me that extraterrestrial spacecraft are regularly visiting Earth, it would be March 31 1993'. (But I thought that this was in fact a meteor storm that explained away the sightings.... Or the re-entry of a Russian rocket.....But I may be wrong ...ED !).

11.5.96 : *Southampton Evening Echo* : *'I know they're out there...'*

The article concerns itself with a UFO/Abduction case of a family that believes that they saw a UFO and alien beings and Karen, who has been visited by aliens every seven years since the age of seven. The newspaper is launching the South's X-Files - a special series of reports about the paranormal.

13.5.96 : Daily Mail : What do UFOs want from us.

In part 2 of the serialisation of Nick Popes book, he looks at aliens and alien abductions and Nick suggests that visits by extra-terrestrials are linked to the abduction and examination of humans and mutilations of animals and may be part of an alien attempt to create a hybrid creature.

13.5.96 : Southampton Evening Echo : On the trail of cereal fillers.

This article looks at the old favourite of the crop circles and looks back at a potted history of the phenomenon and asks that if you see a crop circle to notify the news desk. I am surprised that one has not appeared already !!!!! (Me and my big mouth... Read On.. ED !!!).

14.5.96 : Daily Mail : If this film was a hoax, why will no one tell us what really happened at Roswell air force base ?

This is part three of the serialisation of Nick Popes new book and the article looks at the controversial film footage obtained by Ray Santilli concerning the autopsy of a dead alien. He gives a potted history of the Roswell sighting and of Ray Santilli's involvement with the film. In the article he quotes Richard DeMotto, national security aide to senator Robert Byrd, 'If it happened, if there is even one credible piece of evidence that Earth has been visited by aliens, it changes everything. It only had to happen once.'

15.5.96 : Daily Mail : What is the message drawn in the corn ?

In the fourth and final instalment of the serialisation of Nick Popes new book, he looks at the question of crop circles and again, gives a potted history of the phenomenon (If it is such a thing - or man made... ED) and as he says in the article 'For me there is no doubt that many of the circles and even more complex formations are hoax'. He also looks at the 27th December 1980 UFO sighting at RAF/USAF airbase at Woodbridge in Suffolk.

TV.

16.4.96 : Anne & Nick.

Unfortunately I missed this item and if anyone out there could oblige with a copy of it, I would be grateful. What I have found out, was that Whitley Streiber and Tony Dodd (Quest International) appeared on the show, but that is all that I know.

19.4.96 : UFOs and Close Encounters (Discovery Channel - Cable Tv).

This for me is the best program to be shown on Tv so far this year and I feel will be hard to beat in its content and general presentation. It featured Timothy Good and other UFO researchers. It was basically divided into three halves with the first half looking at Warminster and 'The Warminster Thing' and a look at the sighting of 2 policemen near Oakhampton in Devon and their 'Flying Star'. The second part covered the inevitable crop circles and interviews with Colin Andrews and Doug and Dave the renowned Crop Circle hoaxers. In this section, Mr Colin Andrews made a statement that left me flabbergasted (But, I do not know when this was said so Mr Andrews could of changed his stance by now...Ed) 'We are looking at Extra-terrestrials or simply a level of high nature we simply do not understand.. This is indeed a mystery and we are looking at some form of intelligence' ... (Need I say more...Ed)

30.4.96 : *The X-Files. (2 Part episode)*

This was the best program so far on the new series currently being screened on Sky One at the present. Maulder is convinced a UFO crashed in the sea and a ship was used to recover the object from the sea bed. He sees the alleged UFO in a large warehouse and is convinced this is the one dragged from the sea bed. He tracks down a railway carriage and sees what look to be an 'Alien' being loaded onto it. He climbed onboard the train, but unknown to him an alleged government agent is following the train and is bumping Japanese people off. Scully is also on the track (Oooops.. sorry no pun intended..Ed) of finding out what happened to her and it appears that the implant was also found in other people. Was it a secret Japanese experiment that lead her to what appeared to be a deserted hanger. In fact, it was a centre where tests were being carried out on humans that had leprosy. But, there were other strange people there as well at the same time the experiments were being carried out. That's right you've guessed it 'Japs' (Along with other 'Strange' beings/people as well..Ed). In the end, Scully believes she now knows why she was 'Abducted' and what the implant was. Meanwhile the train maulder is after has a bomb on it and to cut a long story short, it blows up along with the alleged alien. When Maulder tries to track down the train, the explosion, the wreckage etc, no one knows anything about it ? or do they !

5.5.96 : *Roswell - The Movie.*

7.5.96 : *The UFO Incident (Betty/Barney Hill Abduction).*

This is yet again a repeat of the feature film made based on the abduction and physical examination of Betty and Barney Hill. As re-creations go, it wasn't bad and like all the other films i.e. Communion and Fire in the Sky, the truth was stretched just a little to make it a viable film.

14.5.96 : *The Why Files. (Jenny Randles).*

This featured video footage taken over the North of England and an interview with Jenny Randles. An interesting item and well worth a gander at if you get the chance.

14.5.96 : *Weird Night - Roy Lake & Dr Richard Lawrence (Aetherius Society).*

This featured a first half interview with Dr Richard Lawrence who was talking about the Aetherius Society, its aims etc and fairly interesting. Roy on the other hand was brilliant and he came over as well as ever in trying to bring the subject out in the open and to spread the word as they say. All in all a very good program and keep up the good work Roy.

15.5.96 : *Alien Autopsy - Fact or Fiction ?*

Yet another program concerning the infamous Roswell alien Autopsy and I must admit it kept me interested for the whole hour it was shown on the Sci-Fi channel on Cable Tv. This was produced by Fox network in America and took a very close look at the footage with leading Dr's in the autopsy business and film animators who said that they would find it extremely difficult if not impossible to re-create the body. This was very interesting and I know that there was an update made following the airing on American Tv and I hope that it will be shown over here. By the way, if you can't wait to see it on British Tv, it is available in the shops for the modest price of £12 (Or contact the editor !).

15.5.96 : *Hanger 18 (Feature Film)*.

Not much to say about this at all as it has been repeated so much on the Cable Tv network, that it is becoming somewhat of a bore.

RADIO.

27.4.96 : *BBC Thames Valley*.

A member of the Southampton UFO Group, a keen radio listener picked up this item and subsequently further items on this radio station. It appears, that every Saturday there is a regular UFO feature and David hopes to record them. This item mentions Jenny Randles and the MoD UFO Cover-ups. There is also an interview with Marcus Allen (Book/Magazine dealer) who talks about UFO's.

9.5.96 : *BBC Radio Solent* : Talking about contact with UFO's.

11.5.96 : *BBC Thames Valley* : Michael Soper (Contact International UK).

13.5.96 : *Radio Solent : Nick Girdler Show - Have You Had Sex With An alien ?*

I am afraid I do not know anymore than what the introduction tells us as I was in my car driving the local vets at the time and was unable to record it. I do not know if anyone phoned in and I do not know anyone else who heard it at around 10am in the morning. I would be interested if anyone can tell me if they heard it and did anyone phone in about their sexual encounter.

18.5.96 : *BBC Thames Valley Radio* : Graham Birdsall.

MAGAZINE REVIEW.

1. *Skylink*, No 14, 1996.

Roy Lakes publication goes from strength to strength and with a new editor/Illustrator, Roy has put together a cracking magazine. Roy has always been a very good friend and like all other groups/publications needs our support. This edition looks at Extra-terrestrial Visiting the Early World by Len Farra, The New Era by N.L. Williams that looks at the Nazi's and their technology, An update of sightings/reports investigated by the London UFO Studies Group, Contact or Abduction by Mrs Linda West (pseudonym) and her alleged abduction, reviews and more.

2. *Dragon Watch* : No 1, March 1996.

This is yet another new magazine produced by the Welsh Federation of Independent Ufologists and contains some very interesting articles. Margaret Fry introduces the WFIU, magazine/group review, Area 51 : The facts and the fiction, The Billy Meier case, The Zecharia Sitchin View, and many other articles.

3. *Northern UFO News*. No 173, Mar 1996.

In this edition, Jenny looks at the Tv program she made 'Britain's Secret UFO Files and looks at more Tv goodies to watch out for, Magazine reviews, and a look at Crop Circle literature. There is an update of Albert Buddens 'EM theory, 'Books of the moment, More Welsh Wonders (Sightings in Wales by Margaret Fry) and reports of Aerial Contacts Over Scotland by James Sneddon and much more.

4. *Cover-Up (LUPR)*. No 2, 1996.

A rather new magazine produced by the Lothian Unexplained Phenomena Research Group based in Bathgate, Scotland. The second edition contains a number of current press cuttings, The Psychic World Alien Abduction and Quantum Theory : Questions and Theories, More UFO Sightings at Shieldhill? : Another 2 Videos Taken, Update Page : Just Another Dead Sheep.... Or Is It? and much more.

5. *British UFO Studies Centre : Intelligence*. No 6, Mar 1996.

This magazine is edited by Eric Morris and is well worth a look at with this edition containing sighting reports in the Northwich area, The BA jet encounter in 1995 and the working groups discussions, An update on the progress of BUFOSC and a mysterious document received by The East Midlands Group that suggests that Mr Morris was in Naval Intelligence (He was in the navy but not Naval Intelligence) and suggest that BUFOSC is carrying out intelligence gathering operations finding respective units (I assume that this means BUFOSC) on recent IRA list !!!!. Does this mean Eric Morris is on the IRA hit list ! I feel that someone is trying to have either a leg pull or is just trying to stir the S*** !

6. *UFO Network UK*. No 1. Mar/Apr 1996.

This is a new format of the magazine and I think that they have done a good job with this format and looks good. There is a news update with the group being involved in Jenny Randles recent Tv program, A UFO report from Morocco, Press cuttings (Shame that there is no mention to which newspapers that the articles have come from ?), A look at the Valensole case in France in 1965, Skywatch reports and much more.

7. *Awareness*. Vol 21. No 1. 1996.

I like the format of this magazine very much and it is very well presented and laid out with Flying Triangles featured on the front cover. This edition looks at Crop Circles in Czech Republic, The result of the groups 1995 questionnaire with 66.8% of those questioned said that UFO's are - Extraterrestrial Craft (Solid Nuts and Bolts) and there are 8 case files that readers to the questioners sent in. There is a look at a 1985 Abduction and Contact International Sighting Summaries (including recent Flying Triangle Reports) and other interesting articles.

8. *EMUFORA..* No 9, Spring 1996.

I was able to meet Anthony James at the UFO conference in Portsmouth in April 1996 and we managed to have a chat and actually meet face to face for the first time. Anthony's magazine features an interview with Nick Pope, Press reports, Local UFO sightings, Abduction or Obsession ?, A communiqué from Peter Robbins of the Intruders Foundation (Budd Hopkins) and many other articles.

9. CENAP. No 230, 2/96.

Werner always produces an excellent magazine, and although it is in German, my pigeon German enables me to understand the article, but sometimes this is very difficult. I hope to get some computer software to enable me to translate the articles contained within the magazine in the very near future. This edition, features recent sightings, UFOs in the news, The Encounters magazine reviewed and a look at the Roswell footage and the telephone that may or may not be true. This is a very enjoyable magazine, but only for those of you who can read German !

10. TRANS UFO. No 3, Apr 1996.

I enjoy this very much, because Eileen goes to a lot of trouble and time in translating these article from foreign journals. Also, I receive magazines from numerous parts of the world and some of them I cannot read as they are in Dutch or Swedish, but Eileens translations from such magazines are well worth adding to your collection. This edition features an article that looks at the mutilation of a male Elk in 1988, Near contact in Hakesta in 1971, Wingless object near Norwegian airplane in 1995 and many reports from Sweden, Norway and Poland. This is the ideal magazine to keep up with what is happening abroad throughout Europe.

11. Skysearch. Spring 1996.

Larry's magazine has come on in leaps and bounds and this edition has a glossy cover and at £1.80 per copy is well worth the money. This edition as ever is packed with news & information, with articles that look at The Silencers (MIB etc), return from Star Hill 1970, Sightings reported to the group from 6.1.96 - 13.3.96, An investigation into red lights seen over Chichester on 15.2.96, Readers Letters - Close encounter in Rhodesia and many other articles.

12. INUFOR Digest (Australia). Vol 1, No 3, Apr 1996.

This is the only Australian magazine that I exchange with at present and although I cannot compare it to other Australian group magazines, this is very good. There is an investigation into a photograph taken on the 13.3.95, from the window of a 747 aircraft. This shows a dark, circular object, projecting a shadow on the ground. The picture is very interesting, but the photocopy loses what I feel is the quality of the original picture. There is an article that asks the question - Is the Government leaking out the truth about UFO reality ?, Events from the past and a look at Gosford - Australia's Gulf Breeze. There are many more articles along with press articles from the Australian press.

13. Phenomenal News. No 2, Spring 1996.

This is another relatively new magazine edited by Viv Alexander and commentator Ron Haliday, Chairman of Scottish earth Mysteries research. The magazine concentrates on sightings and UFO activity in Scotland and is a welcomed new comer from the area. This edition reports on the disbanding of SPI in Scotland (Malcolm Robinson) and that an era in Scottish Ufology has come to an end. John Morrison looks at UFOs - Dangerous to Know ? and what to do if approached by a UFO, The Iceland/West of Scotland connection, Local News, Radio, TV, Magazines, book reviews and over seas news. There are more articles and well worth a gander at.

14. *UFOMEK*, Mar/Apr 1996.

This magazine is produced by the UFO Monitors East Kent and reports on local sightings, book, magazine and Tv reviews, press cuttings, puzzles and a report on the air miss near Manchester in Jan 1995 and an article that looks at the face on mars.

15. *Strange Daze*, No 9, May 1996.

This magazine has now appeared in A4 format and still contains some very interesting articles and news. There are case reports from the North of England, The Clementine Space Mission Conspiracy, book, magazine and video reviews.

16. *New Ufologist*, No 4, 1996.

*The editorial panel consists of Albert Budden, Joe Dorner, Paul Fuller, Rodney Howarth and Jenny Randles and as you may expect they are only interested in real Ufology and not most of the C**P that some Ufologists seem to be knee deep in. This edition, looks at the Spanish Air Force UFO Files declassified, the experiments of Nicholas Reiter, John Mack escapes censure by Harvard Medical School, Skywatch, Sightings Update and What's happening in Germany (Werner Walter - CENAP magazine - see magazine review). This is a welcomed breath of fresh air in Ufology and the gang of 5 need our support.*

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BOB DEAN LECTURE AT THE CRICKLADE THEATRE, ANDOVER : 16.3.96

I attended this lecture with one or two very good friends and we had an enjoyable evening listening to Bob Dean and the UFO Cover-up. He came over very well and some of the information that he was coming out with certainly made you think. During the interval I met and spoke to George Wingfield and I also met and spoke to David Icke who was also in the audience. I could of listened to Bob Dean for many more hours, but I managed to record the lecture on my hand-held Dictaphone and I have listened to it over and over again. I do understand that there is a video of the lecture available, and if you want details, then drop me a line and I will find out details. Its a shame that this was Bob's last public lecture as he goes in to retirement as he is in his 70's, but I understand he is writing a book about his life in Ufology and I wait with baited breath to read it.

GROUP MEETING 26.3.96 AND 21ST MAY 1996.

I approached the first meeting with some trepidation as I did not know how well we would do and I must admit I was soon surprised. At the first meeting, there was 16 people who were not all group members but had heard of the meeting from other sources. We started the night with a video and then we had general discussions in smaller groups and fell out of the cafe at around 11pm. Our hosts were very welcoming and plied us with cups of coffee at the break. At the next meeting, I was rather surprised, as the numbers rose to 26 and this time only 8 people from the first meeting attended and the other people were either members who did not make the first meeting, or again, people who had heard about the meeting from other sources. Again, discussion was lively during the night and a couple of people related to me their sightings of Flying Triangles and I hope to follow these sightings up. This was a great evening, and again, it was around 11pm before we left. I hope, that the future meetings are just as well attended, but if all 42 people attend the next meeting, then we will have to stand in the cafe and maybe, look for another venue due to the numbers involved, but we will see.

FIRST CROP CIRCLE REPORTS OF 1996 (TO BE VERIFIED)

1. 22.5.96 : Sollum, Near Southport, Lancashire. A circle in oil seed rape, 18 meters dia and 2 joined grape shot circles. Map ref - SD469194.
2. Further reports of circles found/seen in Lincoln, Cambridge, High Wycombe on M40 near an airfield and on the Basingstoke to Stockbridge road in Hampshire.

When I found out more information about these formations I will let you know and if you see any, then please drop me a line.

SPI CONFERENCE 20TH APRIL 1996.

I had nothing to do with this event this year as the group decided to go it alone and I must admit they did a great job and the day was very enjoyable and from the numbers, there was around 250 people there for the event. The speakers, Graham Birdsall, Tony James, Gordon Millington and Omar Fowler all attended and were well received. The day had one or two hitches, like the main power safety switches decided to take a break and there was no power in the kitchen and the slide projector became sympathetic and decided to overhead and switch itself off. But, these problems were overcome and everything else went like clockwork. A number of group members attended the event, and there were mixed views over the speakers with some speakers more enjoyable than others. From the general opinion, Graham Birdsall's lecture was the most enjoyable of the 4 speakers and I must admit, I did enjoy his lecture very much. There was a number of stalls with items for sale ranging from UFO model kits, videos, audio tapes, books, magazines, crop circle pictures and a host of other items. I must admit, what was needed in this area on the day, was a larger book seller, someone like Lionel Beer, as there was a very limited selection of books (New & Second-hand) available on the day. Well done to Bob Schindler and the Southern Paranormal Investigation Group for organising a good day and lets hope that the group organises another event in 1997.

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22nd June 1996 - Cricklade Theatre, Andover.

Speakers Include Colin Andrews, Hopi Indian Morning Cloud and Busty Taylor.

22nd June 1996 - Journeys & Encounters - Exploring Human & Non-Human Contacts.

At The Nixon Hall, Ellison Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Speakers Include : Hilary Evans, Philip Manle & Kevin McClure.

Telephone : 0191-222-6525.

29th September 1996 - Contact International 1 Day Conference.

Contact : Contact International, P.O Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX33 1FL.

Speakers Include : Roy Dutton, Roy Lake & Lee Winterson.

At The Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Oxford. 11am - 5pm.

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16th-17th November 1996 - Lancashire Aerial Phenomenon Investigation Society,
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Speakers Include : Jenny Randles, Nick Pope and Philip Mantle.
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Next Meeting Of The Southampton UFO Group.

23 July 1996

The Chatter Box

Junction Of Victoria Road And Station Road,

Netley

Southampton.

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INUFOR Digest : PO Box 783, Kogarah 2217, New South Wales, Australia.

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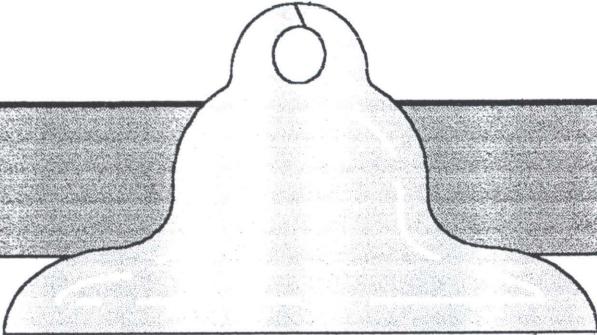
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1. Which day of the week would you prefer A. Friday or B. Saturday Night.
2. Do you have a car A. Yes B. No
3. Would you be willing to take passengers if you have a car A. Yes B. No
4. Which area would you prefer A. New Forest B. Winchester
- C. Any other suggestions : _____
5. What time would you prefer to meet A. 7pm B. 8pm C. 9pm
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